Telecast of Films with Social Messages

768. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Doordarshan has decided to produce and telecast short films with social messages;

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme and on what subjects these short films are going to be produced; and

(c) by when these short films are expected to be telecast?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) Doordarshan have all along been considering proposals from eminent/promising outside producers for production of short films on different socially relevant themes. These films are scheduled for telecast as per programme exegencies, after being finally approved by the appropriate Committee.

Broadcasting/Telecasting of Religious Spiritual Programme

769. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) how much of broadcasting/telecasting time was spent by the All India Radio and Doordarshan respectively on airing religious/spiritual and similar kinds of programmes on the one hand and on programmes promoting secular thoughts on the other during the last one year; and

(b) what were the secular thought promoting programmes aired/telecast in this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA) (a) and (b) AIR and Doordarshan as a matter of policy do not mount programmes to propagate any particular religion. As such no fixed duration for religious broadcast is provided for in the network.

However, musical and spoken-words programmes based on the spiritual experiences of the teachers belonging to different faiths and from the concerned sacred literature are broadcast/telecast so that listeners and viewers are inculcated with a sense of equal respect for all religions. Topics highlighting principles of secularism also form part of different programme formats, like talks, plays, discussions, etc.; there is no fixed time or duration for such programmes.

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770. **श्री अजीत सिंह** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने तिलहनों के उत्पादन के लिए वर्ष 1987 खरीफ की फसल के दौरान एक "आयल सीड प्रोडेक्शन थ्रस्ट प्रोजेक्ट" बना कर राज्यों को क्रियान्वयन के लिए भेजी थी ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस योजना के अन्तर्गत राज्य सरकारों ने उचित कार्यवाही नहीं की; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उन राज्यों के नाम क्या हैं और क्या इस योजना के संबध मे उनकी कोई टिप्पणियां सरकार को प्राप्त हुई ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में कृषि और सहकारिता विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेंद्र मकवाणा) (क) जी हां।

(ख) और (ग) 1987 के खरीफ के दौरान तिलहन उत्पादन अभिवद्धि परियोजना तिलहन उगाने वाले 14 महत्वपूर्ण राज्यों में कार्यान्वयन के लिए मंजूर की गई थी। लेकिन, पश्चिम बंगाल, हरियाणा, आंध्र प्रदेश और मध्य प्रदेश की राज्य सरकारों ने सूचना दी है कि मौसम की खराब स्थितियों के कारण 1987 के खरीफ के दौरान इस परियोजना को लागू नहीं किया जा सका। वैसे, इन राज्यों में इस योजना को रबी मौसम तक आगे बढा दिया गया है ताकि तिलहन उत्पादन में हुई कमी को उपलब्ध नमी/सिंचाई से पूरा किया जा सके।